

## CHAPTER 16 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

### 16-1. Introduction.

a. This chapter discusses operations and maintenance (O&M) issues at sites where an OE response action has occurred. The district is responsible for ensuring that appropriate O&M activities are in place.

b. A response action may be completed that addresses only part of the OE risk at a site, leaving known or suspected OE at the site. The purpose of O&M activities is to ensure that appropriate site safety and security measures remain in place and to maintain the integrity of any site controls, such as fences and signs. The determination of appropriate safety and security measures and site controls must be made on a case-by-case basis.

### 16-2. Recurring Reviews.

a. Any recurring reviews necessary following the completion of the response action will be addressed and approved in the Action Memorandum. The recurring reviews may be necessary to ensure that the remedy is effective. The district executes recurring reviews.

b. Recurring reviews for FUDS will be funded by the Defense Environment Restoration Account. Funding for recurring reviews is subject to Work Plan approval. The 10-year funding limitation on recurring reviews is applicable only to the active site program, but not to the FUDS program.

### 16-3. Recordkeeping.

a. FUDS. For FUDS, USACE will maintain permanent records for OE response actions.

b. Active Installations. For active installations, permanent records, including master planning installation maps, are required to clearly identify all areas contaminated with OE. These records will be maintained by each DOD installation. These records will indicate, to the extent possible, positive identification of the ammunition and explosives contamination by nomenclature, hazard, quantity, and exact locations.

c. Inactive Installations. If the installation is inactivated, the records are required to be transferred to the office designated by the DOD component concerned to ensure permanent retention.

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16-4. Warning Signs. Contaminated locations are required to be placarded appropriately with permanent signs warning of the presence of OE and prohibiting the entrance of unauthorized personnel. The DOD Component concerned is required to periodically ensure that such signs are maintained in a legible condition.

16-5. Access Restrictions. Access to areas containing OE will be restricted based on the type, amount and depth of OE present and the activities for which entry personnel will be authorized. Restrictions must be negotiated with the private landowners and must comply with all applicable state and local regulations.